**New Air Services in Madhya Pradesh**

† l730. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of flights of Indian Airlines are being increased in Madhya Pradesh with a view to promote tourism;

(b) by when the flights of Bhopal-Raipur-Calcutta would be started as per the demand of the people; and

(c) whether similarly flights from Bhopal to Hyderabad and Bangalore are being started to connect Bhopal with South India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has no plans presently to start Bhopal-Raipur-Calcutta service.

(c) Alliance Air has linked Bhopal to South India by introduction of a twice weekly B-737 service on Chennai-Nagpur-Bhopal and *vice-versa* route effective 26th March, 2000. Indian Airlines has, however, no plans at present to operate services from Bhopal to Hyderabad and Bangalore.

**Air Bus Service from Bhopal Airport**

† l731. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhopal Airport has been extended by Airports Authority of India and its runway has been made suitable for Airbus service by extending it; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not operating airbus service from there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir. State Government have been requested for the acquisition of land for extension of runway to 7500 feet.

(b) Does not arise.

**Cancellation of Credit Facility to Sahara India**

† l732. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CIVIL

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